

Bill Storm

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Congratulations on a job well done, it's never easy facilitating a meeting where facts and emotions can get mixed. I'm chairman of the Stanton town ship planning commission, and chair all public hearings, at times it can be a real pain.

I won't trouble you with numbers. I'm sure you have them all, and in reality they don't mean a heck of a lot any way.

There were a number of troubling things that I gathered from the three o'clock hearing. The answer to almost every question asked of the "Invenergy panel" was "that it will be minimal". I don't understand or accept minimal, it is nothing more than an admittance "that yes we are going to pollute". As I stated at the hearing, I for one am not willing to accept a reduction in air quality, no matter how "minimal". Allowing even a minimal amount is like telling a thief that we will allow you to steal, but only so much.

The amount of pollution in the Cannon Valley is magnified by the fact that we are in a valley. Instead of dispersing it just hangs over the valley when the atmospheric conditions are right, or wrong, how ever you look at it.

Invenergy states they will use the cleanest fuel possible. What I believe is they will use the most economic fuel possible, but even if their claims are true, the fact of the matter is ALL fossil fuels when burned give off carcinogenetic emissions. These emissions have the most adverse effects on the young and the elderly. These aren't emotions, these are facts. Our entire school system is directly down wind from the prevailing winds as are two senior care facilities, as is the entire town. The location of this proposed facility couldn't be worse if one tried to design it that way.

Would you want your children or grandchildren to attend school in the plume area and directly down wind of this facility or any other facility giving off cancer causing emissions.

I'm asking that you deny any and all requests for construction of this facility in this area.

Thank you

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